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REMARKS

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-16, and 18-20 are now pending in this application.

Applicant notes that substantial search covering compounds specified in the present method claims is believed to have been performed in connection with U.S. Patent 6,071,970 and that such search can reduce the search burden for the present case.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time for response. A check for that extension is attached. No additional fee is believed due in connection with this communication. However, if any additional fee is due or if the amount submitted is incorrect, kindly charge or credit the appropriate amount to Deposit Account 50-0872.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED UP VERSIONS OF AMENDED PARAGRAPHS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

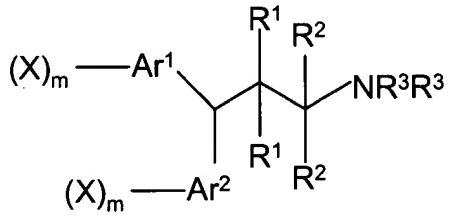
Page 7, lines 19-22:

each R^3 is independently selected from the group consisting of -H, alkyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, and alkylphenyl; preferably, each R^3 is independently either -H or $-CH_3$; more preferably one R^3 is –H, and the other R^3 is either –H or [–CH] $\underline{-CH_3}$; and

MARKED UP VERSIONS OF AMENDED CLAIMS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

Below are the marked up amended claim(s):

3. (Amended) A method of treating a patent for depression comprising the step of administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound having the chemical structure:



wherein each X is independently selected from the group consisting of -Br, -Cl, -F, -I, -CF_3, alkyl, -OH, —OCF_3, -O-alkyl, and -O-acyl;

Ar^1 and Ar^2 are each independently selected from the group consisting of phenyl, naphthyl, thiofuranyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, furanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, pyridyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, and cyclopentyl;

each R^1 is independently selected from the group consisting of -H, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, -OH, -O-alkyl, and -O-acyl;

each R^2 is independently selected from the group consisting of -H, alkyl, and hydroxyalkyl, or both R^2s together are imino;

each R^3 is independently selected from the group consisting of -H, alkyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, and alkylphenyl; and

each m is independently an integer from 0 to 5;

provided that if both R_3's are -CH_3, then both X_m's are not 3-F, 4-F, 3-CF_3, 4-Cl, and if both R_3's are -CH_3 and one X_m is 4-F then the other X_m is not 4-Cl; further provided that if one

R_3 is -H and the other R_3 is $-CH_3$ then both X_m's are not 4-Cl, and if one R_3 is -H and the other R_3 is $-CH_3$ then at least one m is 1;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein for said compound each X is independently either –F, -Cl, $-OCF_3$ or $-CF_3$;

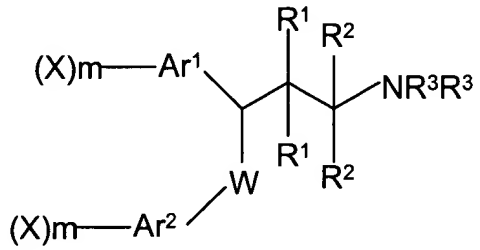
each R^1 is –H;

each R^2 is –H;

one R^3 is –H, and the other R^3 is either –H or [–CH] $\underline{-CH_3}$; and

each m is 1.

7. (Amended) A method of treating a patent for depression comprising the step of administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound having the chemical structure:



wherein each X is independently selected from the group consisting of -Br, -Cl, -F, -I, $-CF_3$, alkyl, -OH, —OCF_3, -O-alkyl, and -O-acyl;

W is selected from the group consisting of $-CH_2$, -O-, and –S-;

Ar^1 and Ar^2 are each independently selected from the group consisting of phenyl, naphthyl, thiofuranyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, furanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, pyridyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, tetrahydroisoquinolinyl cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, and cyclopentyl;

each R^1 is independently selected from the group consisting of -H, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, -OH, -O-alkyl, and -O-acyl;

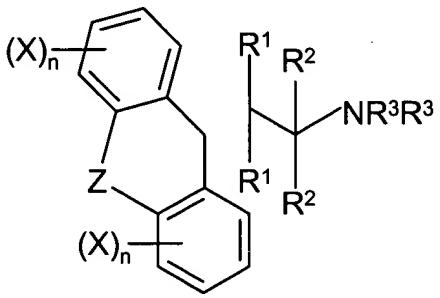
each R^2 is independently selected from the group consisting of -H, alkyl, and hydroxyalkyl, or both R^2s together are imino;

each R^3 is independently selected from the group consisting of -H, alkyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, and alkylphenyl; and

m is 0 to 5;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

11. (Amended) A method of treating a patent for depression comprising the step of administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound having the chemical structure:



wherein each X is independently selected from the group consisting of -Br, -Cl, -F, -I, -CF_3, alkyl, -OH, —OCF_3,

-O-alkyl, and -O-acyl;

each R^1 is independently selected from the group consisting of -H, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, -OH, -O-alkyl, and -O-acyl;

each R^2 is independently selected from the group consisting of -H, alkyl, and hydroxyalkyl, or both R^2s together are imino;

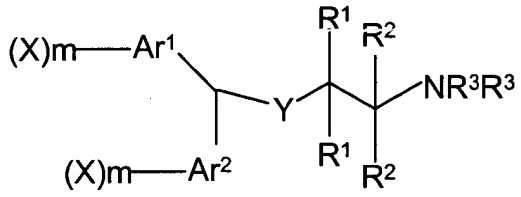
each R^3 is independently selected from the group consisting of -H, alkyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, and alkylphenyl;

Z is either $-CH_2CH_2-$, $-CH_2CH(CH_3)-$, -CH=CH-, $-O-CH_2-$, $-S-CH_2-$, $-CH_2-$, -O-, or –S-; and

each n is independently 1 to 4; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

14. (Amended) The method of claim 13 wherein X^1 is –F, -Cl, $-OCF_3$ or $-CF_3$; and X^2 is either [either] –F, -Cl, $-OCH_3$, $-CH_3$, $-OCF_3$ or $-CF_3$.

15. (Amended) A method of treating a patent for depression comprising the step of administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound having the chemical structure:



wherein each X is independently selected from the group consisting of -Br, -Cl, -F, -I, $-CF_3$, alkyl, -OH, —OCF_3,

-O-alkyl, and -O-acyl; ; preferably, each X is independently either –F, -Cl, $-OCF_3$ or $-CF_3$;

Ar^1 and Ar^2 are each independently selected from the group consisting of phenyl, naphthyl, thiofuranyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, furanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, pyridyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, and cyclopentyl; preferably Ar^1 and Ar^2 are independently naphthyl or phenyl; more preferably at least one of Ar^1 and Ar^2 is phenyl; and more preferably, both Ar^1 and Ar^2 are phenyl;

Y is either $–CH_2$-, -O-, or –S-;

each R^1 is independently selected from the group consisting of -H, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, -OH, -O-alkyl, and -O-acyl; preferably, each R^1 is –H;

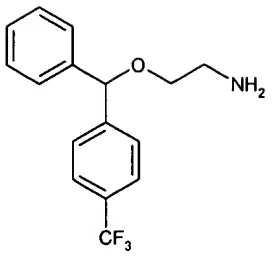
each R^2 is independently selected from the group consisting of -H, alkyl, and hydroxyalkyl, or both R^2s together are imino; preferably each R^2 is –H;

each R^3 is independently selected from the group consisting of -H, alkyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, and alkylphenyl; preferably, each R^3 is independently either -H or $-CH_3$; more preferably one R^3 is

–H, and the other R^3 is either –H or –CH; and

each m is independently an integer from 0 to 5; and preferably, each m is independently 0 or 1.

18. (Amended) A method of treating a patent for depression comprising the step of administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound having the chemical structure: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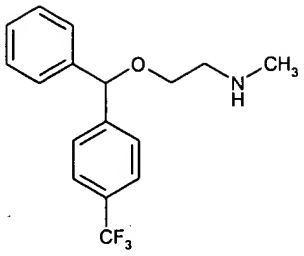
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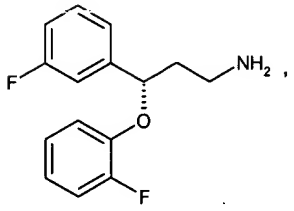
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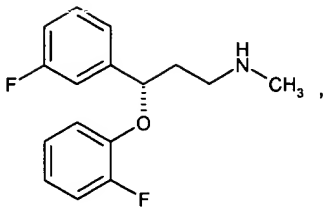
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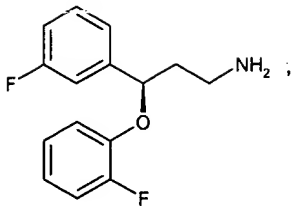
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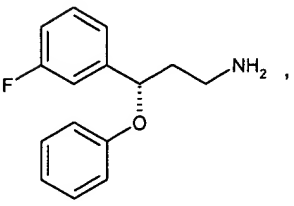
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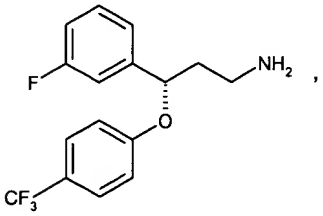
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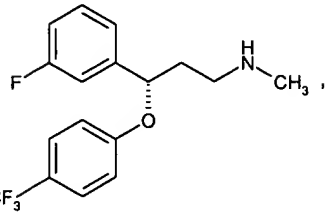
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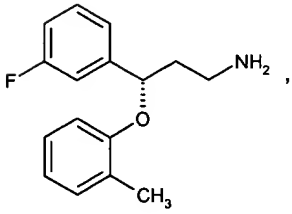
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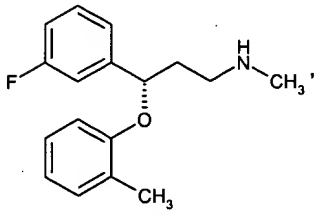
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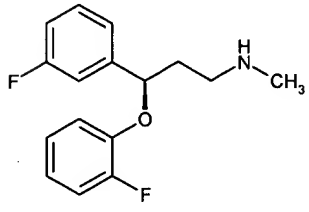
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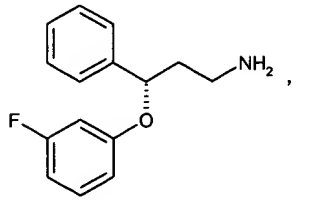
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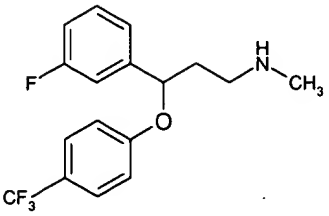

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